

Dear Committee Members,

Last year I gave written testimony to help encourage you to pass bill #5562 which was successfully passed. Thank you.

Even though my grandson has made great strides there are still more barriers to be broken on his road to success. One of the stigmas he still struggles with is being kept back in the kindergarten. Another is he still gets frustrated when he is not able to read a book or simple directions for homework assignments.

His mother and I knew he had some sort of reading problems since the kindergarten. We were told there was no test available at this early age that would provide the information needed to help clarify if there was a need for concern. We were told maybe he was just not as mature as the other kids his age. My thoughts are If there had been a bill passed, for early testing years ago, he would have been diagnosed with this disability at a much younger age and possibly given the learning tools needed to help him before entering the FIFTH grade.

Once again we ask for your help in passing bill # 1054 "An Act Concerning Students with Dyslexia " which is greatly needed to help our children of the future.

Humbly submitted by,

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